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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Employment fell in October and unemployment rose. The State's overall unemployment rate was 2.9 percent, up slightly from the 2.8 percent in the previous two months. The number of unemployed persons 13,520, edged up from the level of the previous month but was 1,250 below a year earlier. The rate in October 1978 was 3.3 percent. Unadjusted national rates were 5.6 percent this year and 5.4 percent a year ago

The civilian labor force was 453,990 in October, down 3,320 from September and 16,630 higher than October a year ago. The over-the-month declines in labor force and employment reflected seasonal changes. Most tourist and recreational establishments sharply curtail or close operations in the fall months.

Consumer prices continued to climb in October. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers rose to 225.4 (1967=100), up 12.2 percent from a year ago. The index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers stood at 225.6 percent of the 1967 average, up 12.4 percent from a year earlier.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonfarm payroll employment dropped 1,900 in October to 393,400 as job losses took place in trade and services, particularly in resort and recreational areas. Payroll employment increased 16,950 over the year with job gains in service-producing industries accounting for three-fourths of the increase.

Manufacturing had an overall month-to-month rise of 200 and an over-the-year gain of 2,800. This is the smallest year-to-year increase since the 1974 - 1975 recession years. Construction lost 300 jobs in October but gained 1,450 over the year.

Services had a 2,250 worker reduction as tourist related and amusement activities curtailed operations for the season. Although some trade establishments added workers to process the autumn increase in retail sales, curtailments in tourist and recreational areas more than offset the gains for a net loss of 1,700. Total government added 2,150 jobs in October as a result of state university and college reopening which increased state government by 1,600.

Since October 1978, the service-producing sector added 12,700 jobs, or three for one added in the goods-producing sector. Trade establishments added 5,550 and services 4,250. Government went up 1,600 and the finance, insurance and real estate increased by 1,100.

NEW HAMPSHIRE EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION PROJECTED TO 1990: Nonfarm wage and salary employment in New Hampshire is projected to average 3.4 percent annually through the 1980's. Will there be enough workers? The expanding economy has brought more specialized and complex jobs which along with tradicional occupations offers New Hampshire workers a wider range of occupational choices, both now and in the future. More than 250,000 new workers will be needed during the 1980's. This information is provided in a report which will be available next month entitled "New Hampshire Employment by Occupation Projected to 1990."

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	October 1979	September 1979	October 1978	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	458,990	462,310	442,360	-3,320	16,630
2. Unemployment	13,520	12,930	14,770	590	-1,250
Percent of labor force	2.9	2.8	3.3	xx	xx
3. Employment total	445,420	449,380	427,590	-3,960	17,830
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	50	0	0	50	50
Nonagr. wage & salary**	393,400	395,300	376,450	-1,900	16,950
Manufacturing	114,700	114,500	111,900	200	2,800
Durable goods	69,500	69,250	65,600	250	3,900
Lumber & wood prods.	5,650	5,550	5,400	100	250
Furniture & fixtures	2,100	2,050	2,050	50	50
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Primary metal prods.	3,200	3,200	2,950	0	250
Fabricated metal prods.	7,200	7,250	6,900	-50	300
Machinery (exc. elec.)	20,350	20,300	19,250	50	1,100
Electrical prods.	17,750	17,650	16,650	100	1,100
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,050	1,750	-50	250
Other durable goods	8,250	8,200	7,850	50	400
Nondurable goods	45,200	45,250	46,300	-50	-1,100
Food & kindred prods.	3,450	3,450	3,450	0	0
Textile mill prods.	5,250	5,300	5,350	-50	-100
Apparel	2,800	2,800	3,100	0	-300
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,450	6,350	100	200
Print., pub. & allied	6,200	6,150	5,900	50	300
Leather & lea. prods.	10,050	10,200	11,400	-150	-1,350
Other nondurable goods	10,900	10,900	10,750	0	150
Nonmanufacturing	278,700	280,800	264,550	-2,100	14,150
Construction (inc. min.)	23,050	23,350	21,600	-300	1,450
Trans., comm. & util	13,900	13,850	13,700	50	200
Trade	88,900	90,600	83,350	-1,700	5,550
Fin., ins. & real estate	18,950	19,000	17,850	-50	1,100
Service industry & other	71,350	73,600	67,100	-2,250	4,250
Government	62,550	60,400	60,950	2,150	1,600
Federal	11,550	11,650	11,150	-100	400
State	17,300	15,700	16,500	1,600	800
Local	33,700	33,050	33,300	650	400

*By place of residence
**By place of establishment
Benchmark: March 1978

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	October 1979		October 1978		October			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1979	1978	Unemployment	Labor Force
New Hampshire	13,520	2.9	14,770	3.3	458,990	442,360	-1,250	16,630
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	800	3.9	960	4.4	20,280	21,940	-160	-1,660
Claremont	1,010	2.7	1,010	2.8	36,800	36,530	0	270
Concord	1,270	2.9	1,510	3.5	43,780	42,970	-240	810
Dover	1,540	3.1	1,650	3.6	50,400	46,280	-110	4,120
Keene	1,050	2.7	990	2.6	39,380	38,270	60	1,110
Laconia	1,080	2.6	1,090	2.7	41,200	39,820	-10	1,380
Littleton	780	5.2	1,140	7.0	15,050	16,310	-360	-1,260
Manchester	2,240	2.6	2,710	3.3	85,150	82,800	-470	2,350
Nashua	1,860	3.0	1,810	3.0	62,790	59,860	50	2,930
Portsmouth	1,040	2.5	1,030	2.9	41.080	35,220	10	5,860
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	850	3.7	870	3.9	23,080	22,360	-20	720
County								
Belknap	590	2.8	610	3.0	20,900	20,220	-20	680
Carroll	220	1.7	250	2.0	12,660	12,800	-30	-140
Cheshire	950	2.7	920	2.7	35,070	34,100	30	970
Coos	890	4.8	1,260	6.2	18,610	20,290	-370	-1,680
Grafton	1,240	3.6	1,360	3.9	34,240	34,640	-120	-400
Hillsborough	3,730	2.8	4,000	3.2	131,170	126,370	-270	4,800
Merrimack	1,460	2.9	1,630	3.3	50,540	49,450	-170	1,090
Rockingham	2.490	2.7	2.680	3.2	90,800	83,370	-190	7,430
Strafford	1,450	3.1	1,530	3.6	46,040	42,260	-80	3,780
Sullivan	500	2.6	530	2.8	18,960	18,860	-30	100

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "70 Step Method" Handbook, unadjusted.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns,

Total and Per Capita Personal Income

State and Region	Total Personal Income (Millions of Dollars) 1969	1977	1978	Percent Changes 1977-1978	Per Capita Personal Income 1969	1977	1978	Percent Change 1977-1978
United States	$746,449	$1,519,893	$1,702,860	12.0	$3,708	$ 7,026	$ 7,810	11.2
New England	47,121	87,991	97,642	11.0	4,015	7,188	7,967	10.8
Connecticut	13,902	25,036	27,620	10.3	4,634	8,055	8,914	10.7
Maine	3,006	6,240	6,912	10.8	2.801	5,751	6,333	10.1
Massachusetts	22,854	41,988	46,553	10.9	4,045	7,262	8,063	11.0
New Hampshire	2,528	5,582	6,339	13.5	3,492	6,578	7,277	10.6
Rhode Island	3,459	6,332	7,035	11.1	3,711	6,775	7,526	11.1
Vermont	1,372	2,814	3,185	13.2	3,139	5,822	6,541	12.3
Mideast	176,071	317,849	348,369	9.6	4,181	7,484	8,251	10.2
Great Lakes	157,831	303,531	336,765	10.9	3,955	7,393	8,167	10.5
Plains	56,808	115,076	129,879	12.9	3,506	6,816	7,632	12.0
Southeast	129,430	295,549	333,296	12.8	2,979	6,057	6,756	11.5
Southwest	53,173	127,139	145,425	14.4	3,257	6,647	7,473	12.4
Rocky Mountains	16,206	39,137	45,387	16.0	3,279	6,620	7,485	13.1
Far West	105,515	222,549	254,313	14.3	4,122	7,791	8,718	11.9
Alaska	1,249	4,275	4,370	2.2	4,219	10,497	10,851	3.4
Hawaii	3,045	6,797	7,414	9.1	4,098	7,704	8,380	8.8

Source: Survey of Current Business, August 1978 and April 1979, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Personal income which includes wage and salary, proprietors' income (farm and nonfarm), dividends, interest and rent, and transfer payments increased 12.0 percent from 1977 to 1978, well above the 7.7 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index. The New England region, the Great Lakes, and Alaska and Hawaii reflected rates of increase below the national average. The Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Far West regions had the highest overall increases in personal income.

Per capita personal income averaged $7,810 in 1978, up 11.2 percent from 1977. All New England states except Vermont registered increase rates below the national average. Connecticut and Massachusetts have the two highest per capita income in 1978, New Hampshire with $7,277 ranked fourth.

Since 1969, per capita personal income more than doubled (110.6 percent) comparing favorably with the rise of 78 percent in the Consumer Price Index. For the New England region, per capita income rose 98.4 percent during the nine years. Within the region, Maine recorded a 126.1 percent increase and Vermont and New Hampshire 108.4 percent. However, Connecticut and Massachusetts recorded increases of 92.4 percent and 99.3 percent respectively.

In all other regions except the Mideast, income more than doubled. Construction of the Alaskan Pipe Line is reflected in the sharp rise from 196.9.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	3,398	14,427	39	178	27	63	115	544
Berlin	355	1,190		10	3		6	21
Claremont	170	454	1		4	5	4	22
Concord	255	1,185	3	13	9	15	4	28
Dover	609		12	40	1	10	29	167
Keene	145	665	4	5	2	9	6	19
Laconia	294	765	7	22	4	9	8	39
Littleton	400	1,136	2	5	3	3	4	14
Manchester	593	2,972	4	41	1	6	23	76
Nashua	326	2,028	1	26		2	10	75
Portsmouth	251	1,213	5	16		4	21	83
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	374	1,764	10	33	1	1		
City of Dover	23	73						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $82.00.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978	Percent change
Total - all industries	4,295	3,212	33.7
Manufacturing	2,453	1,385	77.1
Durable goods	523	482	8.5
Electrical products	139	154	-9.7
Machinery	82	105	-21.9
Lumber & wood pds.	37	35	5.7
All other durable	265	189	40.2
Nondurable goods	1,930	903	113.7
Leather & lea. pds.	1,108	462	139.8
Textiles	30	57	-47.4
Paper & paper prods.	15	94	-84.0
Printing & allied	40	27	48.1
Apparel	52	67	-22.3
Rubber & plastic pds.	643	137	369.3
Other nondurable	42	59	-28.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,842	1,827	0.8
Construction	396	405	-2.2
Trade	576	524	9.9
Services	559	615	-9.1
All other nonmfg.	311	283	9.9

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including September 12, 1979. Insured unemployment increased 576 from August to 4,295 in September. All major industry divisions shared in the increase. Over half (56 percent) of the insured unemployed were women. Two-thirds of the insured unemployed had five or more weeks duration of unemployment. By occupation, 37 percent were bench workers, 18 percent clerical and sales, and 17 percent professional, technical and managerial.

Since September 1978, insured unemployment increased 33.7 percent, due to substantial increases in unemployment in leather products and in rubber and plastic products. Over the year, foreign imports caused curtailments and some factory closings in these two industries.

FUND BALANCE: There was $76,175,952.26 in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund at the end of September. Net contributions amounted to $110,035.71 and net benefits paid were $976,594.96.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sep. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sep. 1978
Manufacturing	5.7	7.8	6.8	5.1	5.5	5.9	5.8	7.5	6.9	4.5	5.7	4.9	0.4	0.8	1.0
Durable goods	4.8	5.9	5.3	4.2	4.8	5.0	4.9	6.4	5.0	3.9	5.0	3.9	0.2	0.4	0.3
Lmbr. & wood pds.*															
Furn. & fixtures*															
Stone & clay pds.	4.7	4.9	6.4	2.2	3.9	6.2	6.2	10.5	5.5	4.5	5.5	4.7	0.6	3.3	0.1
Prim. metal pds.	4.9	6.0	5.3	4.9	6.0	5.2	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.4	0.1	0.1	**
Fab. metal pds.	5.1	11.5	7.4	4.7	6.1	7.0	4.7	7.2	6.9	3.6	5.9	5.1	0.3	0.5	0.3
Electrical pds.	6.2	6.3	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.1	6.6	7.1	5.2	5.6	6.2	4.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Misc. prods.	8.4	11.5	12.3	6.9	8.8	11.5	8.3	11.1	10.1	6.4	8.0	8.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
Mach. & other	3.0	3.3	3.7	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.0	4.6	3.4	2.2	3.4	2.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Nondurable goods	7.2	10.7	9.0	6.4	6.6	7.2	7.3	9.2	9.7	5.6	6.8	6.5	0.6	1.3	2.0
Food & kindred	7.6	13.1	4.0	7.4	7.7	3.6	8.3	9.6	10.0	7.0	7.3	5.9	0.2	1.0	3.8
Textile mill pds.*															
Apparel	7.0	12.6	9.4	5.8	7.5	8.5	6.9	11.4	9.2	5.3	8.1	6.4	0.3	1.1	0.8
Paper & allied	2.3	2.4	1.6	2.1	1.7	1.4	3.2	3.5	2.1	2.6	2.5	1.6	0.1	0.4	**
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	10.3	16.9	9.8	9.3	8.5	9.5	9.7	12.1	10.4	7.3	8.5	8.7	1.4	2.9	0.7
Lea. tan & fin.	2.8	3.9	1.9	2.8	3.7	1.9	2.1	7.5	3.5	1.8	5.9	3.5	**	0.8	**
Footwear	10.3	18.4	10.8	9.2	8.6	10.5	12.2	14.0	12.2	7.7	8.7	10.1	3.4	4.6	0.9
Other nondurable	7.2	8.7	14.3	6.4	7.3	8.4	7.5	8.5	14.4	5.6	6.9	7.6	0.7	0.5	5.1

* Not published due to inadequate sample
** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates are a weighed series based on reports from 318 cooperating establishments representing 62 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including September 12, 1979.

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

The accession rate at 5.7 in September was down substantially from the 7.8 per 100 workers in August The new hire rate fell from 5.5 to 5.1 and recalls dropped from 2.1 to 0.3 per 100 workers. Nearly all industries posted decreased activity in September.

Separations followed a similar pattern with the rate falling from 7.5 per 100 in August to 5.8 in September. The quit rate dropped from 5.7 to 4.5 and layoffs declined from 0.8 to 0.4 per 100 workers.

All accession rates and all separation rates were below the level recored a year ago. The new hire rate an indication of job availability, was 5.9 in September 1978 and 5.1 per 100 this year. The quit rate, a measure of worker mobility was 4.9 per 100 last year and 4.5 per 100 this year. Electrical products, food products and paper were the only industries showing increased rates in hiring and job leaving from a year ago.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
All manufacturing	$221.92	$223.26	$204.62	39.7	40.3	40.2	$5.59	5.54	$5.09
Durable goods	224.87	226.49	211.12	39.8	40.3	40.6	5.65	5.62	5.20
Lumber & wood pds.	186.61	195.32	182.03	37.1	38.0	39.4	5.03	5.14	4.62
Furniture & fixtures	218.03	201.47	183.72	42.5	41.2	41.1	5.13	5.89	4.47
Stone & clay pds.	215.87	214.33	218.40	36.9	36.7	41.6	5.85	5.84	5.25
Primary metal pds.	254.25	253.52	218.92	45.0	44.4	42.1	5.65	5.71	5.20
Fab. metal prods.	221.54	225.50	211.26	40.5	41.3	42.0	5.47	5.46	5.03
Mach. (exc. elec.)	241.43	246.29	233.79	41.2	42.1	41.6	5.86	5.85	5.62
Electrical prods.	221.55	218.01	205.01	38.8	39.0	39.5	5.71	5.59	5.19
Miscellaneous pds.	167.93	169.17	159.51	37.4	38.8	39.0	4.49	4.36	4.09
Other durable	235.80	241.80	213.86	39.3	40.1	39.9	6.00	6.03	5.36
Nondurable goods	217.80	218.29	194.83	39.6	40.2	39.6	5.50	5.43	4.92
Food & kindred pds.	270.27	273.48	248.89	42.9	43.0	42.4	6.30	6.36	5.87
Textile mill prods.	178.55	182.22	169.88	38.9	39.7	39.6	4.59	4.59	4.29
Apparel	170.86	174.90	152.09	37.8	40.3	39.3	4.52	4.34	3.87
Paper & allied pds.	327.85	328.51	292.88	49.3	49.4	47.7	6.65	6.65	6.14
Print.,pub. & allied	243.66	245.74	216.41	39.3	39.7	37.9	6.20	6.19	5.71
Leather & lea. prods.	152.43	153.56	141.05	34.1	35.3	35.8	4.47	4.35	3.94
Lea. tan. & fin.	239.16	239.37	201.25	39.4	39.5	37.9	6.07	6.06	5.31
Footwear	139.68	141.45	132.75	33.1	34.5	35.4	4.22	4.10	3.75
Other nondurable	226.46	224.87	202.47	39.8	39.8	39.7	5.69	5.65	5.10

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 266 co-operating firms representing approximately 57 percent of an estimated 85,910 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including September 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers in New Hampshire factories rose five cents from September to $5.59, 50 cents higher than October 1978. Average weekly earnings were $221.92 in October down $1.34 from September but up $17.30 over the year. The workweek averaged 39.7 hours in October, down 0.6 hours from the previous month and 0.5 hours from a year ago. Workers in hard goods averaged $5.65 an hour, up three cents from September and 45 cents over the year. Hours of work fell 0.5 hour from the previous month to 39.8 hours in October and reflected a drop of 0.8 hour over the year. Average weekly earnings at $224.87 in October were down $1.62 from September but up $13.75 from a year ago. In nondurable goods, hourly earnings averaged $5.50, up seven cents from September and 58 cents over the year. The average workweek was 39.6 hours, down 0.6 hour from September but unchanged from the level of a year ago. Average weekly earnings were $217.80 in October, down 49 cents from the prior month but unchanged over the year. Although average hourly earnings of all production workers increased 9.8 percent over the year, the shorter workweek held the increase in weekly earnings to 8.5 percent.

In durable goods, hourly earnings went up 8.7 percent but weekly earnings rose 6.5 percent because of the decline in hours worked. In nondurables, hourly earnings and weekly earnings rose 11.8 percent with no change in the average workweek.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers					
Revised Index					
Current month - October	225.6				
Percent in 12 months	12.4				
Year Average		195.3	181.5	170.5	161.2
Percent increase each year		7.6	6.5	5.8	9.1
All Urban Consumers					
New Index					
Current month - October	225.4				
Percent in 12 months	12.2				
Year Average		195.4			
Percent increase each year		7.7			

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SUMMARY: The civilian labor force decreased by 2,680 from October to November reflecting seasonal reductions in services. Total unemployment increased slightly by 130 to number 13,650 in mid-November which represented 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force of 456,310. A year ago there were 13,990 unemployed at a 3.2 percent rate. Comparable rates for the nation were 5.6 percent this year and 5.5 percent last year.

The Consumer Price Index indicators edged upward in November for All Urban consumers reaching 227.5 (12.6 percent above a year ago) and for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers reaching 227.6 (12.8 percent above a year ago).

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural employment as measured by the monthly establishment survey indicates a decline of 1,800 from October to November. Both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing segments had over the month job losses. Nonmanufacturing decreased by 1,650. The largest decrease was in services as seasonal establishments curtailed operations or closed for the season and employment declined by 2,450. Each year following the end of the fall foliage season some hotels, inns, motel and recreation units close shortly after the Columbus Day Holiday period. Construction employment dropped by 400 as some projects were finished. Government added on 800 workers in local government. The trade division had an increase of 450 as some department stores trained part-time help for the Christmas business rush. Employment gains in manufacturing were centered in machinery (1000), electrical products (100), other durable (50) and paper and allied products (50). Employment losses occurred in leather and leather products, printing, publishing and allied products (150 each) and in lumber and wood products, furniture and fixtures and other nondurable (50 each).

The year ago comparisons indicate a gain of 16,000 in nonagricultural employment. Manufacturing is up by 2,300 with the principal gains in electrical products (1,100) and machinery (1,050). The largest job loss was in leather and leather products (1,250) as foreign imports continue to plague footwear employers. Nonmanufacturing with 13,700 more jobs experienced job gains in every division led by trade with 5,950, followed by services with 3,550 more jobs reflecting the continuing demand for more goods and services.

Government had a rise of 1,700. The construction division had 1,150 more jobs. Finance, insurance and real estate increased employment by 1,150 reflecting the demand for increased banking services, brokerage sales, housing and rental developments. The smallest increase was in transportation, communications and utilities with 200 more jobs as higher energy costs have kept employment gains to a minimum.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
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Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force	456,310	458,990	440,610	-2,680	15,700
2. Unemployment	13,650	13,520	13,990	130	-340
Percent of labor force	3.0	2.9	3.2	xx	xx
3. Employment total	442,660	445,420	426,620	-2,760	16,040
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	50	0	-50	0
Nonagr. wage & salary	392,000	393,800	376,000	-1,800	16,000
Manufacturing	114,550	114,700	112,250	-150	2,300
Durable goods	69,650	69,500	66,250	150	3,400
Lumber & wood prods.	5,600	5,650	5,400	-50	200
Furniture & fixtures	2,050	2,100	2,100	-50	-50
Stone & clay prods.	2,950	2,950	2,800	0	150
Primary metal prods.	3,250	3,150	3,000	0	150
Fabricated metal prods.	7,200	7,200	7,000	0	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	20,500	20,400	19,450	100	1,050
Electrical prods.	17,900	17,800	16,800	100	1,100
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,000	1,750	0	250
Other durable goods	8,300	8,250	7,950	50	350
Nondurable goods	44,900	45,200	46,000	-300	-1,100
Food & kindred prods.	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	00
Textile mill prods.	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Apparel	2,800	2,800	3,100	0	-300
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,450	6,300	50	200
Print., pub. & allied	6,050	6,200	5,700	-150	350
Leather & lea. prods.	9,950	10,100	11,200	-150	-1,250
Other nondurable goods	10,900	10,950	10,900	-50	0
Nonmanufacturing	277,450	279,100	263,750	-1,650	13,700
Construction (inc. min.)	22,650	23,050	21,500	-400	1,150
Trans., comm. & util	13,850	13,900	13,650	-50	200
Trade	89,700	89,250	83,750	450	5,950
Fin., ins. & real estate	18,950	18,950	17,800	0	1,150
Service industry & other	68,900	71,350	65,350	-1,450	3,550
Government	63,400	62,600	61,700	800	1,700
Federal	11,550	11,600	11,100	-50	450
State	17,350	17,300	16,300	50	1,050
Local	34,500	33,700	34,300	800	200

*Based on place of residence
**Based on place of employment
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Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	November 1979		November 1978		November			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1979	1978	Unemployment	Labor Force
New Hampshire	13,650	3.0	13,990	3.2	456,310	440,610	-340	15,700
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	1,020	5.2	910	4.3	19,710	21,070	110	-1,360
Claremont	740	2.0	940	2.6	36,450	36,690	-200	-240
Concord	1,130	2.6	1,260	3.0	43,570	42,710	-130	860
Dover	1,470	2.9	2,210	4.7	50,120	47,040	-740	3,080
Keene	970	2.5	810	2.1	39,100	38,160	160	940
Laconia	1,070	2.7	1,140	2.9	40,360	39,430	-70	930
Littleton	870	6.1	620	4.3	14,180	14,340	250	-160
Manchester	2,610	3.0	2,450	2.9	85,880	83,540	160	2,340
Nashua	1,800	2.9	1,630	2.8	62,960	58,980	170	3,980
Portsmouth	1,210	2.9	1,030	2.9	41,060	35,570	180	5,490
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	760	3.3	990	4.3	22,920	23,080	-230	-160
County								
Belknap	600	2.9	580	2.9	20,500	19,980	20	520
Carroll	320	2.6	370	2.9	12,410	12,640	-50	-230
Cheshire	920	2.6	750	2.2	34,860	34,000	170	860
Coos	1,050	5.8	940	4.9	17,950	19,010	110	-1,060
Grafton	1,110	3.3	1,120	3.4	33,210	33,330	-10	-120
Hillsborough	3,860	2.9	3,590	2.9	131,760	125,960	270	5,800
Merrimack	1,210	2.4	1,440	2.9	50,090	49,230	-230	860
Rockingham	2,730	3.0	2.750	3.2	90,860	84,660	-20	6,200
Strafford	1,380	3.0	2.000	4.7	45,780	42,910	-620	2,870
Sullivan	470	2.5	450	2.4	18,890	18,890	20	0

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "70 Step Method" Handbook, unadjusted

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	4,400	15,206	24	153	10	67	130	582
Berlin	381	1,717	3	12	1	2	8	24
Claremont	209	595	2	1		4	12	30
Concord	256	1,056		18	5	20	10	34
Dover	1,037	2,082	5	25		4	24	150
Keene	238	713	1	1		8	11	37
Laconia	405	1,629	2	16	1	10	7	36
Littleton	218	1,621	1	4		11	2	12
Manchester	936	2,740	5	43	1	4	19	99
Nashua	402	1,707	1	19	1		14	51
Portsmouth	318	1,706	4	14	1	4	23	109
Not included above: Liable Interstate City of Dover	417	1,834	5	27			3	15

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $80.23.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	October 1979	1978	Percent change
Total - all industries	3,251	2,264	43.6
Manufacturing	1,635	1,005	62.7
Durable goods	315	295	6.8
Electrical products	71	108	-34.3
Machinery	45	57	-21.1
Lumber & wood pds.	30	25	20.0
All other durable	169	105	61.0
Nondurable goods	1,320	710	85.9
Leather & lea. pds.	951	241	294.6
Textiles	26	39	-33.3
Paper & paper prods.	24	41	-41.5
Printing & allied	37	22	68.2
Apparel	75	55	36.4
Rubber & plastic pds.	169	284	-40.5
Other nondurable	38	28	35.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,616	1,259	28.4
Construction	307	298	3.0
Trade	471	353	33.4
Services	603	412	46.4
All other nonmfg.	235	196	19.9

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks claimed for the week including October 12, 1979. Insured unemployment as measured by weeks claimed decreased 1,044 in October to 3,251 of which 53 percent were female . All other durables, leather, printing and services registered the largest percent changes in the number of insured unemployed.

Since October 1978 insured unemployment increased 43.6 percent. The number of insured unemployed out of work 1-4 weeks was 37 percent of the total whereas 47.5 percent were jobless 5-14 weeks. The 15 weeks or more group was 15.3 percent of the total. The age group 25-34 represented 30.5 percent of the insured unemployed whereas the age group of 35-44 and 45-54 accounted for 16 percent.

FUND BALANCE: There was $78,731,894.00 in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund at the end of October. Net contributions amounted to $2,505,937.32 and net benefits paid were $1,336,662.27. Interest credited amounted to $1,386,666.69.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1978	Oct. 1978
Manufacturing	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	6.0	5.2	3.9	4.7	3.8	0.6	0.4	0.5
Durable goods	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.2	5.1	3.5	3.3	4.2	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.3
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures															
Stone & clay pds.	8.0	4.7	6.9	5.2	2.1	6.7	4.3	6.1	5.7	3.7	4.4	4.8	0.3	0.6	0.2
Prim. metal pds.	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.1	4.9	4.8	5.7	5.2	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.0	1.0	0.1	*
Fab. metal pds.	4.9	5.8	9.0	4.4	5.4	8.4	5.0	5.5	6.8	3.2	4.5	5.4	1.0	0.3	0.7
Electrical pds.	5.1	6.2	3.9	4.7	5.6	3.6	4.4	6.6	2.7	3.7	5.6	2.2	0.2	0.2	*
Misc. prods.	5.6	9.5	7.0	5.6	8.1	6.9	9.0	10.1	9.0	6.8	8.5	5.0	0.9	0.1	1.4
Mach. & other	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.2
Nondurable goods	7.7	7.1	7.9	6.6	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.5	5.1	5.7	5.4	1.0	0.6	0.9
Food & kindred	7.6	7.6	7.0	7.3	7.4	6.7	7.2	8.4	5.0	5.1	7.1	3.9	0.8	0.2	0.3
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	7.0	7.0	8.3	6.3	5.8	7.6	7.1	7.2	7.6	5.1	5.6	4.8	0.9	0.3	0.8
Paper & allied	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.9	2.2	1.7	1.8	3.2	1.7	1.3	2.6	1.1	*	0.1	0.3
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	13.0	10.5	7.9	10.9	9.6	7.3	11.1	10.1	9.7	7.9	7.8	7.6	2.5	1.3	1.2
Lea. tan & fin.	8.4	2.8	3.1	8.1	2.8	3.1	7.5	2.1	4.0	5.2	1.8	3.9	1.7	*	*
Footwear	13.9	10.6	8.3	10.5	9.5	7.7	13.5	12.5	10.3	7.5	8.3	7.9	5.2	3.2	1.4
Other nondurable	7.7	7.2	12.2	6.5	6.4	8.7	7.0	7.5	9.6	5.3	5.6	7.1	0.6	0.7	0.8

* Not pulished due to inadequate sample
** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 317 cooperating establishments representing 61 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including October 12, 1979.

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

Accession activity remained at the same level in October as in September 5.8 per 100 workers. Durable goods had a decrease and nondurable goods had an increase.

The total separation rate decreased from 6.0 to 5.3 percent. The quit rate decreased from 4.7 to 3.9 per 100 workers. All industries except leather and leather products had lower quit rates. The layoff rate increased from 0.4 to 0.6 per 100 workers. Both durable and nondurable goods had higher layoff rates.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
All manufacturing	$223.51	$221.53	$209.30	39.7	39.7	40.8	$5.63	$5.58	$5.13
Durable goods	230.11	224.47	217.88	40.3	39.8	41.5	5.71	5.64	5.25
Lumber & wood pds.	188.63	184.87	193.60	37.5	36.9	40.0	5.03	5.01	4.84
Furniture & fixtures	210.25	216.75	180.75	41.8	42.5	39.9	5.03	5.10	4.53
Stone & clay pds.	227.67	225.20	235.09	38.2	38.3	42.9	5.96	5.88	5.48
Primary metal pds.	243.81	245.72	220.58	43.0	43.8	42.5	5.67	5.61	5.19
Fab. metal prods.	229.07	221.25	205.26	41.2	40.3	41.3	5.56	5.49	4.97
Mach. (exc. elec.)	251.64	240.44	250.17	41.8	41.1	44.2	6.02	5.85	5.66
Electrical prods.	226.12	221.55	206.80	39.6	38.8	40.0	5.71	5.71	5.17
Miscellaneous pds.	175.03	168.38	167.56	38.3	37.5	39.8	4.57	4.49	4.21
Other durable	236.79	236.40	218.02	39.4	39.4	40.3	6.01	6.00	5.41
Nondurable goods	212.85	216.86	196.61	38.7	39.5	39.8	5.50	5.49	4.94
Food & kindred pds.	274.05	270.72	251.42	43.5	42.7	43.2	6.30	6.34	5.82
Textile mill prods.	175.64	178.94	172.70	38.1	38.9	39.7	4.61	4.60	4.35
Apparel	166.49	164.05	149.00	38.9	37.8	38.5	4.28	4.34	3.87
Paper & allied pds.	319.38	322.39	292.40	48.1	48.7	47.7	6.64	6.62	6.13
Print.,pub. & allied	232.47	241.96	225.58	37.8	38.9	39.3	6.15	6.22	5.74
Leather & lea. prods.	144.37	152.43	143.28	31.8	34.1	36.0	4.54	4.47	3.98
Lea. tan. & fin.	247.28	244.22	229.52	41.7	40.5	42.9	5.93	6.03	5.35
Footwear	127.80	138.84	131.20	30.0	32.9	34.8	4.26	4.22	3.77
Other nondurable	228.23	228.40	203.26	39.9	40.0	39.7	5.72	5.71	5.12

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 265 cooperating firms representing approximately 57 percent of an estimated 85,820 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including November 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Production workers averaged a gain of five cents an hour from October to November. The average workweek remained unchanged at 39.7 hours and average weekly earnings increased by $1.98 from October to November.

Average hourly earnings increased by seven cents in durable goods. The average workweek climbed to over 40.0 hours reaching 40.3 in mid-November. Average weekly earnings jumped by $5.64 with machinery at $251.64 posting the highest weekly earnings.

Average hourly earings in nondurable goods went up one cent to $5.50 in November. The factory workweek declined from 39.5 to 38.7 hours as footwear had the largest decrease. Average weekly earnings decreased by $4.01 from the previous month.

Year ago comparisons indicated a 50 cents increase in hourly earnings, a decrease of 1.1 hours in the workweek and an increase of $14.31 in average weekly earnings.

Employment Service Activity

Item	November 1979	October 1979	October 1979 to November 1979
Total applications for employment	5,725	17,427**	23,152
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,161	2,586	4,747
Placements - job openings filled	1,400	1,521	2,921
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,834	2,095	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,400	1,521	2,921
Berlin	120	99	219
Claremont	64	83	147
Concord	116	109	225
Dover	170	155	325
Keene	84	118	202
Laconia	101	114	215
Littleton	44	75	119
Manchester	282	342	624
Nashua	206	180	386
Portsmouth	213	246	459

* Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings
** Includes active applicants as of September 1979

At the end of November, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service offices was 13,220 of which 5,725 were new applicants or renewals. Forty-four percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 20 percent and 22 percent respectively. Approximately 15 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, sixty-nine percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 21 percent of the active applicants with 40 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits decreased 5.8 percent from last month to 323 during November but exceeded a year ago by 37.4 percent. Visits to major market employers were up 6.8 percent from the previous month and 23.8 percent from a year ago reaching 125 in November 1979.

During November, employers placed orders for 2,161 job openings with local Job Service offices for a total of 4,256 openings available during the month. Of these 1,400 (33 percent) were filled and 1,834 remained unfilled at the end of the month (261 less than last month). Approximately 44 percent of the openings filled were in manufacturing, 27 percent trade and services, and 3 percent in construction. Nineteen percent of the placements were in the clerical occupational category while structural and sales accounted for fourteen percent.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers					
Revised Index					
Current month - November	227.6				
Percent in 12 months	12.8				
Year Average		195.3	181.5	170.5	161.2
Percent increase each year		7.6	6.5	5.8	9.1
All Urban Consumers					
New Index					
Current month - November	227.5				
Percent in 12 months	12.6				
Year Average		195.4			
Percent increase each year		7.7			

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Summary: The level of unemployment increased by 3,970 in December to reach 17,620 and the rate rose from 3.0 percent in November 1979 to 3.8 percent. Compared with a year ago total unemployment was lower by 90 workers and the rate lower by 0.2 percentage points. Nationally the current December rate was rate was 5.6 percent similar to the year ago rate. New Hampshire experienced the second lowest rate of unemployment among all states in 1979 with an average rate of 3.1 percent with only the State of Wyoming having a lower rate of 2.8 percent. Nationally the average rate was 5.8 percent not seasonally adjusted.

The civilian labor force increased by 2,750 in December and the 459,060 represents a gain of 14,370 from a year ago. The largest gains were in Rockingham and Hillsborough counties.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers reached 229.9 in December, an increase of 13.3 percent from a year ago. During the year the index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers was 230.0 in December (13.4 percent increase from December a year ago). The average was 217.7 representing an 11.5 percent rise from the previous year.

Major Employment Changes: Nonfarm employment declined by 1,250 reflecting some small factory shutdowns in manufacturing and seasonal reductions in construction and services divisions. Lack of snow affected some trade and service establishments involved with tourism and recreation related activities.

Year ago comparisons indicate a 2,100 gain in manufacturing led by the machinery and electrical products industries each with 1,400 more workers (growth in minicomputer field and related fields). Leather and leather products and textile milll products had the two greatest job losses with 1,300 and 350 respectively as foreign imports reduced domestic production needs. Over-the-year gains occurred in all manufacturing divisions. Only the local government sector decreased with 50 fewer workers. The trade division showed the largest numerical increase with 5,750 more workers. The growth in trade has slowed down. Some of this reflects the attitude of city and town populations wanting to limit growth in their surrounding area. The services division ranked next in additional jobs with a gain of 3,550. Demand for education, medical and business services continues. New Hampshire is the second fastest growing state east of the Mississippi with an annual population growth rate of 2.2 percent ranking next to Florida with its growth rate of 3.4 percent.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	December 1979	November 1979	December 1978	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force	459,060	456,310	444,690	2,750	14,370
2. Unemployment	17,620	13,650	17,710	3,970	-90
Percent of labor force	3.8	3.0	4.0	xxx	xx
3. Employment total	441,440	442,660	426,980	-1,220	14,460
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagr. wage & salary	391,000	392,250	376,500	-1,250	14,500
Manufacturing	114,400	114,750	112,300	-350	-2,100
Durable goods	70,300	70,300	66,350	0	3,950
Lumber & wood prods.	5,350	5,450	5,350	-100	0
Furniture & fixtures	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Stone & clay prods.	2,950	3,000	2,800	-50	150
Primary metal prods.	3,200	3,250	2,900	-50	300
Fabricated metal prods.	7,350	7,300	7,150	50	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	20,850	20,700	19,450	150	1,400
Electrical prods.	18,250	18,150	16,850	100	1,400
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,050	1,800	-50	200
Other durable goods	8,350	8,400	7,950	-50	400
Nondurable goods	44,100	44,450	45,950	-350	-1,850
Food & kindred prods.	3,350	3,350	3,350	0	0
Textile mill prods.	5,050	5,100	5,400	-50	-350
Apparel	2,700	2,700	2,950	0	-250
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,500	6,450	0	50
Print., pub. & allied	5,800	5,800	5,650	0	150
Leather & lea. prods.	10,050	10,000	11,350	50	-1,300
Other nondurable goods	10,650	11,000	10,800	-350	-150
Nonmanufacturing	276,600	277,500	264,200	-900	12,400
Construction (inc. min.)	21,100	22,650	20,550	-1,550	550
Trans., comm. & util	13,850	13,850	13,600	0	250
Trade	90,650	89,700	84,900	950	5,750
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,100	18,950	17,950	150	1,150
Service industry & other	68,700	68,900	65,150	-200	3,550
Government	63,200	63,450	62,050	-250	1,150
Federal	11,650	11,650	11,250	0	400
State	17,100	17,250	16,300	-150	800
Local	34,450	34,550	34,500	-100	-50

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
March 1978 Benchmark

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	December 1979		December 1978		December			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1979	1978	Unemployment	Labor Force
New Hampshire	17,620	3.8	17,710	4.0	459,060	444,690	-90	14,370
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	1,030	5.2	1,000	4.7	19,870	21,380	30	-1,510
Claremont	990	2.7	1,170	3.2	36,540	36,470	-180	70
Concord	1,750	4.0	1,940	4.5	43,690	43,220	-190	470
Dover	2,330	4.6	2,160	4.6	50,530	47,270	170	3,260
Keene	1,070	2.8	1,140	3.0	38,760	38,420	-70	340
Laconia	1,460	3.6	1,410	3.6	40,070	39,230	50	840
Littleton	800	5.5	660	4.4	14,420	14,870	140	-450
Manchester	3,550	4.1	3,740	4.4	87,140	85,410	-190	1,730
Nashua	2,260	3.6	2,340	3.9	63,180	59,400	-80	3,780
Portsmouth	1,590	3.8	1,160	3.2	41,790	35,870	430	5,920
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	790	3.4	990	4.3	23,070	23,150	-200	-80
County								
Belknap	820	4.0	760	3.8	20,390	19,930	60	460
Carroll	440	3.5	390	3.1	12,460	12,650	50	-190
Cheshire	1,030	3.0	1,030	3.0	34,580	34,210	0	370
Coos	1,070	5.9	1,020	5.3	18,160	19,370	50	-1,210
Grafton	1,200	3.6	1,080	3.2	33,330	33,390	120	-60
Hillsborough	5,050	3.8	5,310	4.2	132,840	127,790	-260	5,050
Merrimack	1,960	3.9	2,220	4.5	50,300	49,770	-260	530
Rockingham	3,350	3.6	3,230	3.8	91,970	85,630	120	.6,340
Strafford	2,110	4.6	1,970	4.6	46,100	43,140	140	2,960
Sullivan	590	3.1	700	3.7	18,930	18,910	-110	20

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "70 Step Method" Handbook, unadjusted

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	9,390	22,114	22	141	13	52	160	611
Berlin	391	2,456	8	9			3	54
Claremont	460	880	2	3		1	21	32
Concord	911	1,747	2	4	4	25	12	48
Dover	2,229	3,808	2	18	2	2	28	134
Keene	467	1,152		3		4	13	43
Laconia	740	2,319	1	14	5	7	10	33
Littleton	228	1,598	1	7		8	4	11
Manchester	2,326	4,278	3	44	2	2	17	113
Nashua	999	2,222	1	25			16	45
Portsmouth	639	1,654	2	14		3	36	98
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	479	2,046	6	10	0	3	2	18
Local Government	16	48						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment in December was $82.75. During the year 1979 the average was $79.17.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	November 1979	November 1978	Percent change
Total - all industries	3,685	2,713	35.8
Manufacturing	1,536	959	60.2
Durable goods	336	310	8.4
Electrical products	59	90	-34.4
Machinery	55	57	-3.5
Lumber & wood pds.	59	34	73.5
All other durable	163	129	26.4
Nondurable goods	1,200	649	84.9
Leather & lea. pds.	882	279	216.1
Textiles	38	26	46.2
Paper & paper prods.	38	66	-42.4
Printing & allied	55	52	5.8
Apparel	59	79	-25.3
Rubber & plastic pds.	103	130	-20.8
Other nondurable	25	17	47.1
Nonmanufacturing	2,149	1,754	22.5
Construction	544	480	13.3
Trade	559	399	40.1
Services	777	655	18.6
All other nonmfg.	269	220	22.3

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including November 12, 1979. Insured unemployment increased 431 from October to 3,685 in November of which 1,736 were female. Insured unemployment increased 972 or 35.8 percent from November 1978. Forty-two percent of the insured unemployed were out of work 1-4 weeks while another 40 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks duration. Sixty-two percent of the insured unemployed were under 45 years of age. Nonmanufacturing accounted for 58 percent of the insured unemployed of which services accounted for 36 percent followed by trade 26 percent, and construction 25 percent. In November, benchwork led all occupational categories with 949 or 26 percent followed by clerical (654), professional, technical, and managerial (500), services (486), and structural (474).

FUND BALANCE: There was $80,658,337.25 in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund at the end of November. Net contributions amounted to $2,976,925.93 and net benefits were $1,050,482.68.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Manufacturing	4.2	5.9	4.9	3.8	5.2	4.2	4.3	5.3	4.3	2.9	4.0	3.2	0.7	0.6	0.4
Durable goods	3.6	4.7	4.3	3.2	4.2	4.0	3.4	4.2	3.4	2.4	3.3	2.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures															
Stone & clay pds.	3.5	8.0	5.5	3.1	5.2	5.5	5.9	4.3	6.3	2.6	3.8	5.2	2.1	0.3	0.7
Prim. metal pds.	5.2	5.6	3.4	5.2	5.4	3.4	2.8	5.1	3.5	1.9	3.8	2.6	0.1	0.7	*
Fab. metal pds.	3.8	4.9	6.0	3.1	4.4	5.2	3.4	5.0	4.7	2.4	3.2	3.4	0.2	1.0	0.2
Electrical pds.	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.2	4.8	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.0	3.8	3.8	3 3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Misc. prods.	4.7	5.9	3.5	3.6	5.6	3.2	5.8	9.0	5.5	3.8	6.8	3 3	1.0	0.9	0.7
Mach. & other	2.4	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.0	2.7	1.8	2.9	1.9	1.3	2.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Nondurable goods	5.2	7.8	5.7	4.7	6.8	4.6	5.8	7.0	5.6	3.8	5.1	3.9	1.1	1.0	0.8
Food & kindred	**	7.4	5.1	**	7.1	2.3	**	7.0	3.0	**	5.0	2.5	**	0.8	0.1
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.6	4.0	5.6	5.1	6.2	5.2	5.7	7.1	6.9	3.4	5.2	3.9	1.2	0.9	1.6
Paper & allied	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.8	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.5	*	*	0.1
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	8.6	13.4	7.2	8.0	11.4	6.7	9.7	11.4	8.3	6.7	8.1	6.0	1.9	2.5	1.3
Lea. tan & fin.	4.4	8.4	1.4	4.2	8.1	1.3	4.5	7.5	2.7	3.4	5.2	1.4	*	1.7	0.9
Footwear	8.6	14.3	8.0	7.9	11.2	7.5	11.5	13.5	9.0	7.0	7.8	6.7	3.3	4.8	1.2
Other nondurable	4.5	7.7	7.0	3.7	6.5	4.6	5.6	7.0	6.0	3.6	5.3	4.4	1.0	0.6	0.4

* Not published due to inadequate sample
** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates area a weighted series based on reports from 302 cooperating establishments representing 63 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including November 12, 1979

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

Both the accession and separation rates decreased over the month. The month of November usually shows a decline in hiring activity as employers approaching the end of the year await the beginning of the new year before starting or expanding current operations. This occurs in both durable and nondurable goods industries. The only activity to increase over the month was the layoff rate which increased in durable and nondurable goods. The layoff rate for all manufacturing was 0.7 per 100 workers. The highest layoff rate was in leather footwear 3.3 per 100 workers.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
All manufacturing	$228.63	$223.20	$211.87	40.9	40.0	41.3	$5.59	$5.58	$5.13
Durable goods	235.31	230.36	211.65	41.5	40.7	41.9	5.67	5.66	5.29
Lumber & wood pds.	190.88	191.02	196.17	38.1	37.9	40.7	5.01	5.04	4.82
Furniture & fixtures	205.18	198.94	176.17	41.2	40.6	39.5	4.98	4.90	4.46
Stone & clay pds.	250.75	236.96	243.65	42.5	40.3	43.9	5.90	5.88	5.55
Primary metal pds.	267.72	265.15	230.36	47.3	46.6	44.3	5.66	5.69	5.20
Fab. metal prods.	230.71	226.87	209.44	42.1	41.1	40.2	5.48	5.52	5.21
Mach. (exc. elec.)	267.96	257.73	250.42	44.0	42.6	44.4	6.09	6.05	5.64
Electrical prods.	222.71	221.69	212.49	40.2	39.8	41.1	5.54	5.57	5.17
Miscellaneous pds.	169.99	174.54	157.87	38.2	38.7	36.8	4.45	4.51	4.29
Other durable	235.62	227.71	227.00	39.6	38.4	40.9	5.95	5.93	5.55
Nondurable goods	217.46	213.49	198.05	39.9	39.1	40.5	5.45	5.46	4.89
Food & kindred pds.	297.56	298.32	246.54	43.0	42.8	42.0	6.92	6.97	5.87
Textile mill prods.	191.12	180.48	177.12	39.9	38.4	45.3	4.79	4.70	3.91
Apparel	157.21	152.97	154.41	39.5	37.4	38.7	3.98	4.09	3.99
Paper & allied pds.	306.35	309.26	291.18	46.7	47.0	47.5	6.56	6.58	6.13
Print.,pub. & allied	232.80	221.41	223.65	38.8	37.4	39.1	6.00	5.92	5.72
Leather & lea. prods.	161.55	155.14	143.64	35.9	34.4	36.0	4.50	4.51	3.99
Lea. tan. & fin.	262.46	247.28	216.94	42.4	41.7	39.3	6.19	5.93	5.52
Footwear	151.44	144.72	133.43	35.3	33.5	35.3	4.29	4.32	3.78
Other nondurable	226.06	227.20	204.97	39.8	40.0	39.8	5.68	5.68	5.15

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 391 cooperating firms representing approximately 67 percent of an estimated 85,450 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including December 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Production workers averaged a gain of one cent in average hourly earnings reaching $5.59 in December 1979. Durable goods also showed a gain of one cent whereas nondurable goods averaged a one cent loss in average hourly earnings,

The average workweek increased from 40.0 to 40.9 hours with both durable and nondurable goods showing similar gains. Primary metals had the longest workweek 47.3 hours in durable goods and paper and allied goods products had the longest workweek 46.7 hours in nondurable goods.

Average weekly earnings increased by $5.43 reflecting the longer workweek and higher average hourly earnings.

Employment Service Activity

Item	December 1979	November 1979	October 1979 to December 1979
Total applications for employment	5,797	5,725	28,949
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,391	2,161	6,138
Placements - job openings filled	1,012	1,400	3,933
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,420	1,834	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,012	1,400	3,933
Berlin	76	120	295
Claremont	63	64	210
Concord	115	116	340
Dover	64	170	389
Keene	85	84	287
Laconia	71	101	286
Littleton	42	44	161
Manchester	184	282	808
Nashua	117	206	503
Portsmouth	195	213	654

* Includes part-time seasonal and other openings.

The active file of job applicants numbered 14,492 at the end of December 1979. Female applicants numbered 5,311. The largest number of applicants by occupational group was structural with 3,021. Many construction workers are included in this group. Clerical ranked next with 1,899.

The 1,420 unfilled job openings at the end of December 1979 were led by clerical and sales with 246, followed by services with 232.

The largest number of active applicants were in the Manchester Local Office with 2,982. Structural workers had the largest number with 656.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers					
Revised Index					
Current month - December	230.0				
Percent in 12 months	13.4				
Year Average	217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5	161.2
Percent increase each year	11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8	9.1
All Urban Consumers					
New Index					
Current month - December	229.9				
Percent in 12 months	13.3				
Year Average	217.4	195.4			
Percent increase each year	11.3	7.7			

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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NOTE: Labor force and unemployment estimates have been revised to new benchmarks and incorporate new population controls from the Current Population Survey. Nonagricultural establishment employment estimates have been revised to March 1979 benchmarks. Data provided in this issue are not comparable to previously published estimates. Revised 1978 and 1979 data are included in this issue.

SUMMARY: Both employment and unemployment declined in January. The number of unemployed fell 2,310 from December 1979 to 15,420 in January and the rate dropped from 3.9 to 3.5 percent. In January 1979, there were 14,800 jobless workers, or a rate of 3.5 percent. Unadjusted national rates were 6.8 percent in January this year and 6.4 percent a year ago.

The civilian labor force decreased by 9,560 from December to 439,880 in January, but exceeded the year ago month by 11,560.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers rose to 233.2 in January (1967 equals 100), an increase of 13.9 percent from a year earlier. For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, the January index was 233.3, up 14.0 percent from a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Establishment employment, as measured by a monthly survey of selected employing units, decreased seasonally in January. Wholesale and retail establishments released 2,800 workers following the completion of Christmas business. Construction contractors reduced employment by 1,550 as colder weather held down construction activity. In past years some of the construction workers were able to work at snowplowing jobs with the city or State but this year snowfall was very limited. Government employment was down as the University System was on vacation. Minor changes in manufacturing resulted in a net employment decrease of 350. Stone and clay products and the other nondurable goods group each had decreases of 200 as construction demands and nationwide automobile production demands reduced activity for parts and accessories in New Hampshire. The market for prefabricated houses has declined along with the market for residential building. Lumber and wood products decreased by 150 reflecting the decline in housing and the policy of high interest rates being charged for loans.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES FROM A YEAR AGO: Total nonagricultural employment showed an over the year gain of 9,750 jobs. Manufacturing gained 1,950 jobs led by employment increases of 1,750 and 1,350 in machinery and electrical products. The largest decrease occurred in leather and leather products as some footwear firms retrenched in 1979. Nondurable goods declined by 1,650 and durable goods increased by 3,600.

Nonmanufacturing employment gains were led by construction 2,650, trade with 2,500 more workers and finance, insurance and real estate with 1,100 more jobs in January. The over the year gain in services was only 600 reflecting the operation of fewer ski lifts this year due to lack of adequate snowfall. The over the year gains in services have usually been greater.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	January 1980	December 1979	January 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force *	439,880	449,440	428,320	-9,560	11,560
2. Unemployment	15,420	17,730	14,800	-2,310	620
Percent of labor force	3.5	3.9	3.5	xx	xx
3. Employment total	424,460	431,710	413,520	-7,250	10,940
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagr. wage & salary **	379,350	385,350	369,600	-6,000	9,750
Manufacturing	116,600	116,950	114,650	-350	1,950
Durable goods	71,900	72,150	68,300	-250	3,600
Lumber & wood prods.	4,950	5,100	5,250	-150	-300
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,800	2,000	-50	-250
Stone & clay prods.	2,800	3,000	2,850	-200	-50
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,450	3,050	0	400
Fabricated metal prods.	7,250	7,200	7,000	50	250
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,050	22,100	20,300	-50	1,750
Electrical prods.	19.100	19,000	17,750	100	1,350
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,000	1,850	0	150
Other durable goods	8,550	8,500	8,250	50	300
Nondurable goods	44,700	44,800	46,350	-100	-1,650
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,950	3,000	-50	-100
Textile mill prods.	5,150	5,200	5,450	-50	-300
Apparel	2,850	2,800	2,850	50	0
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,550	6,250	-50	250
Print., pub. & allied	5,850	5,900	5,750	-50	100
Leather & lea. prods.	10,250	10,000	11,400	250	-1,150
Other nondurable goods	11,200	11,400	11,650	-200	-450
Nonmanufacturing	262,750	268,400	254,950	-5,650	7,800
Construction (inc. min.)	20,150	21,700	17,500	-1,550	2,650
Trans., comm. & util	13,700	13,800	13,250	-100	450
Trade	82,400	85,200	79,900	-2,800	2,500
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,300	19,100	18,200	200	1,100
Service industry & other	65,700	65,850	65,100	-150	600
Government	61,500	62,750	61,000	-1,250	500
Federal	11,500	11,600	11,550	-100	-50
State	15,950	16,700	15,550	-750	400
Local	34,050	34,450	33,900	-400	150

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	January 1980		January 1979		January			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979	Unemployment	Labor Force
New Hampshire	15,420	3.5	14,800	3.5	439,880	428,320	620	11,560
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	890	4.9	870	4.8	17,980	18,280	20	- 300
Claremont	1,030	3.0	1,000	3.0	34,350	33,440	30	910
Concord	1,180	2.9	1,260	3.2	40,560	39,770	-80	790
Dover	1,900	4.3	1,410	3.3	43,980	42,790	490	1,190
Keene	930	2.6	800	2.4	35,410	34,040	130	1,370
Laconia	1,260	3.4	1,190	3.2	37,540	36,860	70	680
Littleton	650	4.8	610	4.4	13,630	13,870	40	- 240
Manchester	2,710	3.5	2,870	3.7	78,320	77,300	-160	1,020
Nashua	2,200	3.1	2,330	3.4	71,580	67,770	-130	3,810
Portsmouth	1,730	4.0	1,410	3.4	43,270	41,140	320	2,130
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	940	4.0	1,050	4.6	23,260	23,060	-110	200
County								
Belknap	660	3.5	650	3.5	19,060	18,740	10	320
Carroll	440	3.7	280	2.4	11,880	11,700	160	180
Cheshire	850	2.7	740	2.4	31,590	30,380	110	1,210
Coos	880	5.4	920	5.5	16,410	16,750	-40	-340
Grafton	1,030	3.3	1,020	3.3	31,190	30,920	10	270
Hillsborough	4,400	3.3	4,570	3.6	133,480	128,670	-170	4,810
Merrimack	1,450	3.1	1,490	3.2	46,860	45,940	- 40	920
Rockingham	3,400	3.7	3,270	3.7	91,740	89,090	130	2,650
Strafford	1,710	4.3	1,270	3.3	39,990	38,920	440	1,070
Sullivan	600	3.4	590	3.4	17,680	17,210	10	470

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to Current Population Survey Estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	7,636	38,094	44	176	20	89	132	819
Berlin	511	3,117	7	45	0	2	4	65
Claremont	297	1,396	2	7	1	4	9	49
Concord	915	4,364	2	11	8	41	14	58
Dover	1,546	5,990	12	40	0	3	32	174
Keene	230	1,637	2	3	2	4	5	46
Laconia	532	3,897	2	6	1	11	14	52
Littleton	239	1,888	2	6	1	1	7	24
Manchester	1,893	8,627	4	26	3	7	9	139
Nashua	669	4,049	3	12	0	2	11	78
Portsmouth	754	3,129	8	20	4	14	27	134
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	497	2,828	7	10	0	0	5	2
Local Government	22	88						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $84.90 in January 1980.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	December 1979	December 1978	Percent change
Total - all industries	4,645	4,025	15.4
Manufacturing	1,837	1,040	76.6
Durable goods	464	351	32.2
Electrical products	61	96	-36.5
Machinery	59	84	-29.8
Lumber & wood pds.	134	35	282.9
All other durable	210	136	54.4
Nondurable goods	1,373	689	99.3
Leather & lea. pds.	893	288	210.1
Textiles	27	41	-34.1
Paper & paper prods.	46	73	-37.0
Printing & allied	59	37	59.5
Apparel	57	75	-24.0
Rubber & plastic pds.	271	116	133.6
Other nondurable	20	59	-66.1
Nonmanufacturing	2,720	2,985	-8.9
Construction	1,055	1,442	-26.8
Trade	627	557	12.6
Services	791	745	6.2
All other nonmfg.	247	241	2.5

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including December 12, 1979. Insured unemployment increased 960 from November to 4,645 in December of which 1,917 or 41 percent were female. Insured unemployment increased 620 or 15.4 percent from December 1978. Forty-three percent of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while another 50 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks. In December, benchworkers led all occupational categories with 1,080 or 23 percent followed by structural (860), miscellaneous (566), clerical (552), and professional, technical and managerial (535). Sixty-five percent of the insured unemployed were under 45 years of age with males accounting for a likewise percent.

FUND BALANCE: There was $79,409,793.01 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of the year. Net contributions during the month of December amounted to $108,755.92 and net benefits paid out amounted to $1,357,300.16.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Manufacturing	3.8	4.2	3.8	2.7	3.8	3.3	5.4	4.3	4.7	2.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	0.6	1.2
Durable goods	3.6	3.6	3.5	2.7	3.2	3.2	4.0	3.3	3.4	1.9	2.4	2.2	1.4	0.4	0.4
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures															
Stone & clay pds.	2.0	3.5	5.6	1.5	3.2	5.3	4.6	5.8	5.8	1.3	2.6	4.6	2.3	2.1	0.5
Prim. metal pds.	3.2	4.9	4.5	3.1	4.9	4.5	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.9	0.3	*	*
Fab. metal pds.	3.3	3.8	5.6	3.1	3.1	5.2	4.1	3.4	5.6	2.9	2.4	3.3	0.3	0.2	1.3
Electrical pds.	5.3	4.5	4.0	2.9	4.1	3.8	5.2	4.5	3.8	1.8	3.7	2.9	2.7	0.2	0.1
Misc. prods.	3.0	4.6	3.3	2.9	3.6	2.4	4.3	5.8	4.3	2.2	3.8	2.9	1.4	1.1	0.2
Mach. & other	2.1	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.1
Nondurable goods	5.1	5.2	4.1	3.3	4.7	3.4	8.8	5.8	6.8	2.6	3.8	3.4	5.4	1.1	2.3
Food & kindred	4.2	6.1	4.3	3.5	6.1	4.3	3.6	5.9	6.5	2.6	4.6	5.3	0.1	*	0.9
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	10.0	5.6	4.4	3.5	5.1	3.9	14.7	5.7	9.5	2.6	3.4	3.4	10.9	1.2	4.1
Paper & allied	1.3	1.4	2.9	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.3	1.5	1.4	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.2	*	*
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	8.4	8.4	4.9	7.1	7.9	4.2	7.7	9.6	9.7	5.3	6.6	5.3	1.5	1.9	3.3
Lea. tan & fin.	2.9	4.3	3.1	2.3	4.2	2.1	3.0	4.5	15.1	2.1	3.4	2.8	*	*	11.8
Footwear	10.0	8.3	4.7	8.3	7.6	4.2	8.9	11.1	7.0	5.9	6.8	4.6	2.1	3.2	1.3
Other nondurable	1.5	4.4	3.9	1.3	3.6	3.2	12.4	5.6	5.9	1.5	3.6	2.9	10.2	0.9	1.9

* Not published due to inadequate sample
** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates area a weighted series based on reports from 319 cooperating establishments representing 60 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including December 12, 1979.

The rate of separations increased from 4.3 per 100 workers to 5.4 in December 1979. Completion of orders for textile and apparel goods and rubber plastic boots and a reduced demand for accessories used in automobile industry all contributed to the increased separation rate. A year ago the separation rate was 4.7 per 100 workers. The layoff rate increased from 0.6 in November to 2.8 in December. Some of the layoffs in textile and apparel products were temporary as some workers were recalled during the month.

The accession rate declined from 4.2 to 3.8 per 100 workers. A year ago the rate was also 3.8 per 100 workers. New hires dropped to 2.7 which was lower than a year ago.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
All manufacturing	$228.58	$230.01	$209.27	40.6	41.0	40.4	$5.63	$5.61	$5.18
Durable goods	235.82	237.69	215.42	41.3	41.7	40.8	5.71	5.70	5.28
Lumber & wood pds.	191.63	195.14	178.16	37.5	37.6	38.9	5.11	5.19	4.58
Furniture & fixtures	200.82	196.80	177.56	40.9	40.0	38.6	4.91	4.92	4.60
Stone & clay pds.	265.16	253.64	218.02	43.9	42.7	40.3	6.04	5.94	5.41
Primary metal pds.	268.64	270.65	235.68	46.0	47.4	44.3	5.84	5.71	5.32
Fab. metal prods.	225.63	230.29	213.93	41.4	42.1	41.3	5.45	5.47	5.18
Mach. (exc. elec.)	261.92	271.78	241.06	43.8	44.7	43.2	5.98	6.08	5.58
Electrical prods.	222.64	223.11	209.08	39.9	40.2	39.9	5.58	5.55	5.24
Miscellaneous pds.	179.10	177.17	149.84	38.6	38.1	33.9	4.64	4.65	4.42
Other durable	242.75	235.03	221.60	39.6	39.5	40.0	6.13	5.95	5.54
Nondurable goods	217.80	218.40	200.09	39.6	40.0	39.7	5.50	5.46	5.04
Food & kindred pds.	298.50	301.86	264.26	42.4	43.0	42.9	7.04	7.02	6.16
Textile mill prods.	187.38	191.04	176.88	39.2	39.8	40.2	4.78	4.80	4.40
Apparel	154.87	157.61	148.27	36.7	39.6	36.7	4.22	3.98	4.04
Paper & allied pds.	306.97	321.42	283.98	46.3	48.7	46.1	6.63	6.60	6.16
Print.,pub. & allied	247.38	234.18	238.20	39.9	38.9	39.9	6.20	6.02	5.97
Leather & lea. prods.	159.22	157.88	149.33	35.7	35.4	36.6	4.46	4.46	4.08
Lea. tan. & fin.	249.08	263.13	207.95	40.7	42.1	37.2	6.12	6.25	5.59
Footwear	152.22	149.45	141.60	35.4	35.0	36.4	4.30	4.27	3.89
Other nondurable	230.00	226.23	208.69	40.0	39.9	39.6	5.75	5.67	5.27

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 390 cooperating firms representing approximately 66 percent of an estimated 86,560 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including January 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers increased by two cents from December to January. The $5.63 rate represented a gain of forty-three cents an hour from the year ago level. Over the month gains of one cent in durable goods and four cents in nondurable goods were recorded. Some pay increases were reported with the beginning of a new year.

The average workweek decreased by a half hour with both durable and nondurable goods showing fewer hours of work. Compared with the year ago level(40.4) the average workweek (40.6) was slightly above.

Average weekly earnings declined $1.43 over the month as the shortened workweek resulted in lower average weekly earnings in both durable and nondurable goods industries.

Employment Service Activity

Item	January 1980	December 1979	October 1979 to January 1980
Total applications for employment	7,387	5,797	36,336
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,725	1,391	7,863
Placements - job openings filled	1,064	1,012	4,997
Job openings unfilled end of month *	1,358	1,420	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,064	1,012	4,997
Berlin	79	76	374
Claremont	60	63	270
Concord	95	115	435
Dover	97	64	486
Keene	109	85	396
Laconia	76	71	362
Littleton	54	42	215
Manchester	171	184	979
Nashua	133	117	636
Portsmouth	190	195	844

* Includes part-time seasonal and other openings

At the end of January, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service offices numbered 17,568 of which 7,387 were new applicants or renewals. Thirty-four percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 20 and 21 percent respectively. Approximately 14 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, sixty-seven percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of education. Veterans accounted for 22 percent of the active applicants with 40 percent of these from the Vietnam Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits decreased 8.7 percent from last month to 289 during January. Visits to major market employers were down 28.9 percent from the previous month and 43 percent from a year ago reaching 81 in January 1980. During January, employers placed orders for 1,725 job openings with local Job Service offices for a total of 3,145 openings available during the month. Of these 1,064 (34 percent) were filled and 1,358 remained unfilled at the end of the month.

Gearing up for the "countdown" some applications for U.S. Census job openings were received and the Job Service offices also planned more testing of applicants for these jobs. A total of 1,000 job openings are planned for the two district offices in New Hampshire (Concord and Portsmouth).

Estimated Nonagricultural Employment in New Hampshire - 1979 Preliminary revised
(Excluding the self-employed, domestic service workers and persons on strike)

March 1979 Benchmark

Industry	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Ave.
Total Nonagricultural	369,600	369,750	372,200	373,450	382,050	386,450	387,100	392,650	389,800	386,950	385,100	384,850	381,650
Manufacturing	114,650	114,400	114,750	115,950	116,100	117,750	114,150	116,700	117,000	117,050	116,950	116,550	116,000
Durable Goods	68,300	68,400	69,200	69,850	70,050	71,000	70,400	71,500	71,500	71,600	71,750	71,850	70,450
Lumber & wood prods.	5,250	5,000	5,200	5,000	5,000	5,200	5,150	5,250	5,250	5,300	5,200	5,100	5,150
Furn. & fixtures	2,000	1,950	1,950	1,950	*1,850	1,900	1,850	1,800	1,800	1,850	1,750	1,750	1,850
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,900	2,950	3,100	3,150	3,200	3,150	3,100	3,050	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,050
Primary metal prods.	3,050	3,150	3,150	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,350	3,450	3,350	3,300
Fab. metal prods.	7,000	7,050	7,100	7,100	6,950	7,100	6,800	7,000	7,200	*7,200	7,150	7,200	7,100
Machinery (ex. elec)	20,300	20,300	20,600	20,950	21,100	21,300	21,300	21,600	21,550	21,600	21,800	21,950	21,200
Electrical prods.	17,750	17,850	18,050	18,200	18,250	18,500	18,750	18,950	18,750	18,750	18,850	19,000	18,450
Miscellaneous prods.	1,850	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,950	1,950	1,900	2,000	2,050	2,050	2,000	2,000	1,950
Other durables	8,250	8,300	8,300	8,450	8,500	8,550	8,200	8,500	8,450	8,500	8,550	8,500	8,400
Nondurable Goods	46,350	46,000	45,550	46,100	46,050	46,750	43,750	45,200	45,500	45,450	45,200	44,700	45,550
Food & kind. prods.	3,000	*2,900	*2,900	3,000	3,150	3,200	3,100	3,200	3,050	2,950	2,900	2,900	3,000
Textile & mill prods.	5,450	5,450	5,050	5,400	5,450	5,450	4,900	5,250	5,200	5,250	5,200	5,150	5,300
Apparel	2,850	2,850	2,800	2,800	2,750	2,800	2,750	2,800	2,750	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,800
Paper & allied	6,250	6,300	6,300	6,550	6,300	6,550	6,450	*6,400	6,500	6,450	6,500	6,500	6,400
Print., pub. & allied	5,750	5,800	5,950	5,950	5,950	6,100	6,000	5,800	5,900	5,950	5,900	5,800	5,900
Leather & lea. prods.	11,400	11,050	11,200	11,000	10,950	10,800	9,450	10,350	10,150	10,150	10,000	10,000	10,550
Other nondurable	11,650	11,650	11,350	11,400	11,500	11,850	11,100	11,400	11,950	12,000	11,900	11,550	11,600
Nonmanufacturing	254,950	255,350	257,450	257,500	265,950	268,700	272,950	272,950	272,800	269,900	268,150	268,300	265,650
Constr. (inc. mining)	17,500	16,400	17,200	18,800	20,900	*21,450	23,400	24,000	24,450	24,300	23,550	21,700	21,150
Trans., comm. & util.	13,250	13,250	13,350	13,300	13,500	13,800	13,200	13,250	13,700	13,700	13,650	13,800	13,500
Trade	79,900	79,550	80,500	80,400	82,600	*84,600	85,850	86,250	85,550	83,950	83,950	85,200	83,200
Fin., ins. & real est.	18,200	18,250	18,400	18,300	18,500	18,850	19,150	19,100	18,950	18,850	18,900	19,100	18,700
Services & other	65,100	65,750	65,850	64,000	68,350	68,350	71,900	74,100	70,050	67,000	65,450	65,850	67,650
Government	61,000	62,150	62,150	62,700	62,100	61,650	59,450	59,250	60,100	62,100	62,650	62,650	61,450
Federal	11,550	11,500	11,350	11,450	11,450	11,500	11,750	11,750	11,600	11,600	11,500	11,600	11,500
State	15,550	16,400	16,350	16,350	15,500	15,300	15,350	15,150	15,300	16,800	16,700	16,600	15,950
Local	33,900	34,250	34,450	34,900	35,150	34,850	32,350	32,350	33,200	33,700	34,450	34,450	34,000
*Workers on strike not included:		100	100		125	800 100		100		50			

Estimated Nonagricultural Employment in New Hampshire - 1978 Final
(Excluding the self-employed, domestic service workers and persons on strike)

March 1979 Benchmark

Industry	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Ave.
Total Nonagricultural	344,050	344,350	348,850	356,050	363,600	372,450	375,200	379,300	377,000	375,000	373,550	375,400	365,350
Manufacturing	105,700	106,000	107,000	108,900	109,900	111,350	107,100	111,050	111,400	112,250	113,000	113,650	109,750
Durable Goods	61,200	61,350	62,000	63,200	63,900	65,000	63,650	65,350	65,550	66,400	67,000	67,700	64,350
Lumber & wood prods.	4,950	4,800	4,850	4,950	5,050	5,400	5,300	5,400	5,350	5,400	5,450	5,450	5,200
Furn. & fixtures	1,950	1,950	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,000	2,000	2,050	2,100	2,100	2,050	2,050
Stone & clay prods.	2,600	2,550	2,550	2,650	2,700	2,800	2,850	2,900	2,900	2,850	2,850	2,900	2,750
Primary metal prods.	2,650	2,650	2,650	2,800	2,800	2,850	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,950	3,050	3,100	2,850
Fab. metal prods.	*6,100	*6,050	6,350	6,450	6,500	6,800	6,400	6,700	6,800	7,000	7,000	7,150	6,600
Machinery (ex. elec.)	17,850	18,100	18,200	18,650	18,950	19,150	18,950	19,000	19,150	19,200	19,400	19,650	18,350
Electrical prods.	16,150	16,200	16,200	16,350	16,400	16,450	16,100	16,850	*16,650	17,100	17,300	17,500	16,600
Miscellaneous prods.	1,700	1,750	1,700	1,800	1,850	1,900	1,850	2,000	2,050	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,850
Other durable goods	7,250	7,300	7,450	7,500	7,600	7,600	7,400	7,700	7,700	7,850	7,900	7,950	7,600
Nondurable Goods	44,500	44,650	45,000	45,700	46,000	46,350	43,450	45,700	45,850	45,850	46,000	45,950	45,400
Food & kind. prods.	3,100	3,100	3,200	3,250	3,200	3,350	3,400	3,350	3,200	3,200	3,150	3,200	3,200
Textile & mill prods	5,350	5,450	5,500	5,500	5,500	*5,350	*4,800	5,450	5,400	5,400	5,550	5,550	5,400
Apparel	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	2,850	3,100	3,000	2,950	2,950	2,850	3,100
Paper & allied	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,100	6,100	6,150	5,700	5,950	6,000	6,000	6,050	6,150	6,100
Print., pub. & allied	5,200	5,200	5,350	5,400	5,500	5,600	5,650	5,750	5,800	5,850	5,650	5,650	5,550
Leather & lea. prods.	10,800	10,800	10,850	11,200	11,400	11,550	10,300	11,450	11,550	11,400	11,400	11,300	11,150
Other nondurable	10,550	10,600	10,600	11,050	11,100	11,150	10,750	*10,650	10,900	11,050	11,250	11,250	10,900
Nonmanufacturing	238,350	238,350	241,850	247,150	253,700	261,100	268,100	268,250	265,600	262,750	260,550	261,750	255,600
Constr. (inc. mining)	15,150	14,600	14,800	17,350	19,800	*21,150	22,200	21,200	22,100	21,850	21,200	19,350	19,200
Trans., comm. & util.	12,450	12,550	12,650	12,750	12,950	13,450	12,900	12,900	13,300	13,400	13,350	13,400	13,000
Trade	74,400	73,650	75,200	77,650	79,700	82,350	83,850	84,650	83,600	81,650	81,700	83,800	80,200
Fin., ins. & real est.	16,450	16,450	16,550	16,850	17,050	17,500	17,950	*17,900	17,750	17,900	17,950	18,150	17,400
Services & Other	*60,400	60,700	61,550	62,000	63,750	66,550	71,800	72,500	68,700	66,450	64,050	64,800	65,250
Government	59,500	60,400	61,100	60,550	60,450	60,100	59,400	59,100	60,150	61,500	62,300	62,250	60,550
Federal	11,100	11,000	11,050	11,000	11,050	11,250	11,400	11,350	11,100	11,200	11,200	11,250	11,150
State	15,000	16,000	16,000	16,150	15,650	15,150	15,050	15,300	15,050	16,400	16,350	16,300	15,700
Local	33,400	33,400	34,050	33,400	33,750	33,700	32,950	32,450	34,000	33,900	34,750	34,700	33,700
*Workers on strike not included:	300 50	300				300 600	300	500 100	250				

Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment for the State of New Hampshire, Manchester LMA and Nashua LMA as of the Middle of the Month

1979

Employment Status	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year Avera
*New Hampshire													
Civilian labor force	428,320	428,540	431,110	431,270	443,260	451,720	457,310	457,660	453,910	449,310	446,160	449,440	444,000
Employment	413,520	414,330	417,870	418,970	431,010	437,940	440,110	445,010	441,050	435,850	432,640	431,710	430,000
Unemployment	14,800	14,210	13,240	12,300	12,250	13,780	17,200	12,650	12,860	13,460	13,520	17,730	14,000
rate	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.9	3.2
Persons involved in labor disputes	0	120	120	0	125	890	0	100	0	50	0	0	117
*Manchester LMA													
Civilian labor force	77,300	76,920	77,220	78,420	78,740	79,870	80,480	79,450	79,690	79,410	80,170	81,560	79,110
Employment	74,430	74,210	74,630	76,230	76,770	77,300	76,910	77,380	77,390	77,270	77,750	78,040	76,530
Unemployment	2,870	2,710	2,590	2,190	1,970	2,570	3,570	2,070	2,300	2,140	2,420	3,520	2,580
rate	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.8	2.5	3.2	4.4	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.0	4.3	3.3
Persons involved in labor disputes	0	120	120	0	125	190	0	100	0	50	0	0	59
*Nashua LMA													
Civilian labor force	67,770	67,500	68,490	70,100	71,410	73,080	72,060	72,220	72,720	72,740	72,910	73,760	71,230
Employment	65,440	65,530	66,660	68,280	69,780	71,040	69,480	70,470	70,680	70,520	70,860	71,220	69,160
Unemployment	2,330	1,970	1,830	1,820	1,630	2,040	2,580	1,750	2,040	2,220	2,050	2,540	2,070
rate	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.8	3.6	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.4	2.9
Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.3

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment decreased by 560 from January to February as 14,860 workers were jobless. The rate of unemployment was 3.4 percent. A year ago 14,210 were unemployed at a 3.3 percent rate. The civilian labor force increased by 3,080 from January and the 442,960 represented an over the year gain of 14,420. Nationally, the rate of unemployment was 6.8 percent in February and 6.4 percent a year ago.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers was 236.4 in February which was 14.1 percent higher than a year ago. The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers was 236.5 in February representing 14.2 percent above a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment numbered 380,900 in February, an increase of 1,050 from January and 11,150 higher than a year ago. Nonmanufacturing had a gain of 1,750 led by government with 1,200 (university system resumption of schooling following vacation) and in services 1,100 (a few ski and racetrack operations started). Construction employment declined by 700 as contractors curtailed operations.

Manufacturing employment declined by 700 with most of the decreases reflecting job losses due to reduced demand for parts and accessories by the automobile industry.

Year ago comparisons indicate 9,250 more jobs in nonmanufacturing. The construction industry had a 3,050 gain followed by the trade division with a 2,750 gain, finance, insurance and real estate with 1,250 gain and the service industry 1,050 above February 1979. All nonmanufacturing divisions showed over the year gains. Manufacturing experienced 1,900 more jobs with 3,700 additional jobs in durable goods and 1,800 fewer jobs in nondurable goods. Factory closings are reflected in the job losses in leather and leather products and in the other nondurable goods group. Machinery had the largest gain with 1,850 followed by electrical products with 1,150 additional jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS: New Hampshire and Oklahoma each with 3.4 percent had the lowest unemployment rates in the country in February. The rate for the New England Region was 5.9 percent and the rate for United States was 6.8 percent unadjusted. Unemployment rates for the other states in the region were Rhode Island 8.1, Maine 8.0, Vermont 6.4, Massachusetts 5.7 and Connecticut 5.5 percent. The Nashua Labor Market Area had the lowest rate of major labor areas in New England with a 3.2 percent rate.

Compared with a year ago the New England Region was down from the 6.3 rate a year ago. Only two New England states were below their year ago levels Connecticut and Massachusetts.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	442,960	439,880	428,540	3,080	14,420
2. Unemployment	14,860	15,420	14,210	-560	650
Percent of labor force	3.4	3.5	3.3	xx	xx
3. Employment total	428,100	424,460	414,230	3,640	13,870
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	100	0	-100
Nonagr. wage & salary**	380,900	379,850	369,750	1,050	11,150
Manufacturing	116,300	117,000	114,400	-700	1,900
Durable goods	72,100	72,100	68,400	0	3,700
Lumber & wood prods.	5,150	4,950	5,000	200	150
Furniture & fixtures	1,800	1,800	1,950	0	-150
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,800	2,900	50	-50
Primary metal prods.	3,500	3,500	3,750	0	350
Fabricated metal prods.	7,150	7,250	7,050	-100	100
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,150	22,200	20,300	-50	1,850
Electrical prods.	19,000	19,100	17,850	-100	1,150
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	200
Nondurable goods	44,200	44,900	46,000	-700	-1,800
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Textile mill prods.	5,050	5,200	5,450	-150	-400
Apparel	2,850	2,850	2,850	0	0
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,600	6,300	-100	200
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,850	5,800	50	100
Leather & lea. prods.	10,250	10,250	11,050	0	-800
Other nondurable goods	10,750	11,250	11,650	-500	-900
Nonmanufacturing	264,600	262,850	255,350	1,750	9,250
Construction (inc. min.)	19,450	20,150	16,400	-700	3,050
Trans., comm. & util	13,750	13,700	13,250	50	500
Trade	82,300	82,400	79,550	-100	2,750
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,500	19,300	18,250	200	1,250
Service industry & other	66,800	65,700	65,750	1,100	1,050
Government	62,800	61,600	62,150	1,200	650
Federal	11,550	11,600	11,500	-50	50
State	16,700	15,850	16,400	850	300
Local	34,550	34,150	34,250	400	300

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
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Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	February 1980		February 1979		February		Unemployment	Labor Force
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979		
New Hampshire	14,860	3.4	14,210	3.3	442,960	428,540	650	14,420
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	850	4.6	1,020	5.5	18,390	18,430	-170	-40
Claremont	880	2.6	1,000	3.0	33,730	33,230	-120	500
Concord	1,220	3.1	1,220	3.1	39,900	39,360	0	540
Dover	1,580	3.6	1,540	3.5	43,570	43,530	40	40
Keene	930	2.6	830	2.4	35,310	34,250	100	1,060
Laconia	1,340	3.5	1,180	3.2	37,980	37,160	160	820
Littleton	670	4.8	530	3.8	13,870	13,850	140	20
Manchester	2,910	3.7	2,710	3.5	78,830	76,920	200	1,910
Nashua	2,290	3.2	1,970	2.9	72,370	67,500	320	4,870
Portsmouth	1,260	2.8	1,230	3.0	45,000	41,030	30	3,970
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	930	3.9	980	4.2	24,010	23,280	-50	730
County								
Belknap	730	3.8	660	3.5	19,290	18,880	70	410
Carroll	440	3.6	250	2.1	12,070	11,740	190	330
Cheshire	850	2.7	760	2.5	31,510	30,560	90	950
Coos	820	4.9	1,070	6.3	16,730	16,920	-250	-190
Grafton	960	3.1	920	3.0	31,160	30,830	40	330
Hillsborough	4,670	3.5	4,130	3.2	134,570	128,150	540	6,420
Merrimack	1,470	3.2	1,450	3.2	46,340	45,630	20	710
Rockingham	2,930	3.1	2,930	3.3	94,270	89,070	0	5,200
Strafford	1,430	3.6	1,410	3.6	39,630	39,610	20	20
Sullivan	560	3.2	630	3.7	17,390	17,150	-70	240

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	4,387	31,190	30	143	14	51	104	734
Berlin	268	2,755	1	37			3	52
Claremont	324	1,308	3	6		2	9	39
Concord	355	2,956	1	3	5	23	3	38
Dover	693	4,245	9	34		4	17	182
Keene	258	1,572	1	3			8	49
Laconia	340	3,453	2	8	7	10	17	77
Littleton	160	1,523		5		4		29
Manchester	1,150	7,393	4	23	2	7	15	98
Nashua	409	3,123		9			9	71
Portsmouth	431	2,762	9	15		1	23	99
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	383	2,791	4	13			4	7
Local Government	12	68						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $85.20 in February 1980.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	January 1980	January 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	8,086	5,259	53.8
Manufacturing	2,276	1,250	82.1
Durable goods	762	488	56.1
Electrical products	118	108	9.3
Machinery	46	72	-36.1
Lumber & wood pds.	202	59	242.4
All other durable	396	249	59.0
Nondurable goods	1,514	762	98.7
Leather & lea. pds.	696	256	171.9
Textiles	82	38	115.8
Paper & paper prods.	66	74	-10.8
Printing & allied	97	49	98.0
Apparel	77	123	-37.4
Rubber & plastic pds.	453	169	168.0
Other nondurable	43	53	-18.9
Nonmanufacturing	5,810	4,009	44.9
Construction	3,107	2,143	45.0
Trade	1,031	711	45.0
Services	1,048	739	41.8
All other nonmfg.	624	416	50.0

The number of insured unemployed increased 3,441 or 74 percent from December. Construction was the major source of the increase with employment at a seasonal low as winter weather prohibited many outdoor projects. Post-holiday layoffs of temporary help in trade were also reflected in increased unemployment. Durable goods showed an increase of 298 or a 64 percent change in the insured unemployed while non-durables advanced 141 for a 10 percent change. Machinery and leather products were the only industries which reduced their insured unemployed by 13 and 197 respectively from December. By duration of current unemployment, 40 percent were unemployed 5-14 weeks. Approximately 68 percent were under age 45. Females comprised 29 percent of the insured unemployed and were concentrated in leather, trade, services and rubber. Overall, the occupational classification distribution shows 30 percent in structural work, 16 percent in miscellaneous, 15 percent in benchwork and 13 percent in clerical and sales.

FUND BALANCE: There was $79,084,381.54 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund as of January 31, 1980. Net contributions amounted to $989,357.24 and net benefits amounted to $2,744,923.79. Interest received amounted to $1,430,155.08.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
Manufacturing	5.3	3.9	6.1	3.9	2.8	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.1	2.9	2.1	3.3	1.6	2.7	0.8
Durable goods	3.6	3.3	5.1	3.2	2.4	4.6	3.7	3.6	4.4	2.4	1.7	2.9	0.5	1.3	0.6
Lmbr. & wood pds.	6.6	3.4	6.1	5.8	3.3	5.8	3.7	3.2	5.5	2.1	1.9	4.1	0.4	0.8	0.6
Furn. & fixtures	3.7	2.4	8.1	2.6	1.9	8.0	6.2	4.8	9.1	3.6	1.7	5.2	1.9	2.1	2.4
Stone & clay pds.	5.1	3.0	6.3	4.8	2.9	6.3	3.0	2.8	4.3	2.0	1.9	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.1
Prim. metal pds.	2.6	3.3	6.1	2.3	3.1	5.9	5.3	4.1	5.1	3.2	2.9	3.0	1.5	0.3	0.8
Fab. metal pds.	3.7	5.4	5.6	3.4	2.9	5.1	3.9	5.3	5.0	2.4	1.8	3.4	0.8	2.7	0.7
Electrical pds.	6.1	3.1	5.6	5.1	2.9	3.2	5.4	4.2	9.2	3.3	1.9	5.0	0.4	1.3	3.2
Misc. prods.	2.9	2.0	3.7	2.6	1.8	3.3	2.6	2.1	2.7	1.8	1.2	1.8	0.1	0.5	*
Mach. & other															
Nondurable goods	8.1	5.0	7.5	5.1	3.4	5.5	8.3	8.5	6.2	3.8	2.6	3.9	3.4	5.2	1.2
Food & kindred	7.9	3.9	6.6	7.9	3.3	6.3	8.0	3.7	4.5	6.4	2.3	2.2	0.4	0.6	1.5
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	10.9	9.5	8.0	6.7	3.5	4.7	7.0	13.5	5.6	3.9	2.7	3.2	1.0	9.7	1.0
Paper & allied	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.8	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.4	1.3	*
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Lea. & lea. pds.	10.5	8.6	12.6	9.2	7.2	9.2	9.2	7.8	10.7	6.5	5.4	7.3	1.5	1.6	2.2
Lea. tan & fin.	4.1	2.9	12.7	4.1	2.3	1.9	3.0	3.0	9.4	2.3	2.1	4.7	*	*	4.7
Footwear	12.3	8.6	11.0	10.6	7.2	9.1	10.6	7.8	10.8	7.4	5.4	7.2	1.9	1.6	2.1
Other nondurable	8.3	1.7	7.2	2.0	1.5	5.4	13.7	11.5	6.0	2.9	1.6	3.7	10.0	9.3	1.1

* Not published due to an inadequate sample
** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 316 cooperating establishments representing 62 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including January 12, 1980.

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

The separation rate dropped slightly to 5.4 per 100 workers and the accession rate increased from 3.9 to 5.3 per 100 workers. The highest separation rate was in the other nondurable group at 13.7 per 100 workers as layoffs occurred at firms producing plastics, footwear and at firms producing plastic products used in the automobile industry. The footwear industry had the highest rate of quits with 7.4 per 100 workers.

Compared with a year ago the rate of separations was higher and the rate of accessions was lower in the current month of January. The quit rate was lower but the layoff rate was higher.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1979	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1979	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1979	Feb. 1979
All manufacturing	$224.96	$226.64	$208.28	40.1	40.4	39.9	$5.61	$5.61	$5.22
Durable goods	232.97	233.86	215.46	40.8	41.1	40.5	5.71	5.69	5.32
Lumber & wood pds.	192.61	191.86	172.69	37.4	37.4	36.9	5.15	5.13	4.68
Furniture & fixtures	200.33	201.62	184.60	40.8	41.4	38.7	4.91	4.87	4.77
Stone & clay pds.	243.36	254.58	218.70	40.9	42.5	40.5	5.95	5.99	5.40
Primary metal pds.	261.96	268.37	219.96	45.4	47.0	42.3	5.77	5.71	5.20
Fab. metal prods.	223.01	225.36	210.67	40.4	41.2	39.9	5.52	5.47	5.28
Mach. (exc. elec.)	257.90	257.57	242.61	43.2	43.0	43.4	5.97	5.99	5.59
Electrical prods.	224.47	222.88	207.38	39.8	39.8	39.5	5.64	5.60	5.25
Miscellaneous pds.	181.74	177.33	166.21	39.0	38.3	37.1	4.66	4.63	4.48
Other durable	233.53	237.98	225.68	38.6	39.4	40.3	6.05	6.04	5.60
Nondurable goods	212.55	215.36	198.24	39.0	39.3	39.1	5.45	5.48	5.07
Food & kindred pds.	283.72	287.96	282.10	42.6	42.1	43.4	6.66	6.84	6.50
Textile mill prods.	188.46	186.59	175.12	39.1	39.2	39.8	4.82	4.76	4.40
Apparel	151.98	154.87	146.40	36.1	36.7	36.6	4.21	4.22	4.00
Paper & allied pds.	306.24	305.84	283.66	46.4	46.2	45.9	6.60	6.62	6.18
Print.,pub. & allied	230.40	246.76	237.41	38.4	39.8	39.7	6.00	6.20	5.98
Leather & lea. prods.	156.38	160.29	143.62	35.3	35.7	35.2	4.43	4.49	4.08
Lea. tan. & fin.	262.26	249.08	214.95	42.3	40.7	38.8	6.20	6.12	5.54
Footwear	147.20	153.36	135.72	34.8	35.5	34.8	4.23	4.32	3.90
Other nondurable	223.88	223.83	204.75	38.8	39.2	39.0	5.77	5.71	5.25

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 388 co-operating firms representing approximately 66 percent of an estimated 85,910 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including February 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings remained at $5.61 an hour. Durable goods increased by two cents whereas nondurable goods had a three cents an hour decrease. The over the year increase was 39 cents for all manufacturing

Hours of work declined from 40.4 to 40.1 hours. Both durable and nondurable goods each experienced shorter workweeks. The longest workweek was 46.4 hours in paper and allied products. The shortest workweek was 34.8 hours in the footwear segment. Year ago comparisons show a longer workweek in manufacturing by 0.2 hours. Durable goods was above a year ago and nondurable below a year ago.

Average weekly earnings decreased $1.68 from January to February reflecting the shorter workweek. Both durable and nondurable goods had reductions in average weekly earnings. All industries experienced over the year gains in average weekly earnings.

Employment Service Activity

Item	February 1980	January 1980	October 1979 to February 1980
Total applications for employment	5,256	7,387	41,592
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,745	1,725	9,608
Placements - job openings filled	1,040	1,064	6,037
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,451	1,358	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,040	1,064	6,037
Berlin	82	79	456
Claremont	55	60	325
Concord	72	95	507
Dover	111	97	597
Keene	97	109	493
Laconia	88	76	450
Littleton	49	54	264
Manchester	192	171	1,171
Nashua	109	133	745
Portsmouth	185	190	1,029

At the end of February, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service offices was 18,256 of which 5,256 were new applicants or renewals. Thirty-four percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 20 and 21 percent respectively. Approximately 14 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, sixty-seven percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans represent 22 percent of the active applicants with 41 percent of these from the Vietnam Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits decreased 8.7 percent from last month to 264 during February. Visits to major market employers rose 11.1 percent from the previous month and declined 17.4 percent from a year ago reaching 90 in February 1980.

During February employers placed orders for 1,745 job openings with local Job Service offices for a total of 3,103 openings available during the month. Of these 1,040 (34 percent) were filled and 1,451 remained unfilled at the end of the month (93 more than last month). Approximately 41 percent of the openings filled were in trade and services, 38 percent in manufacturing and 10 percent in construction. Twenty-nine percent of the placements were in the clerical and sales occupational categories, 20 percent in services and 15 percent in structural.

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